CCJ Approved Funding Requests

Meeting in Richmond on January 6, 1977, the Virginia Council on Criminal Justice (CCJ) approved more than $415,000 in funding requests from state and local criminal justice agencies.

The CCJ approved a request for $49,000 from the Virginia State Bar to establish a divisional ombudsman's office to investigate all grievances passing through the institutional level within the Adult Services section of the Department of Corrections. This ombudsman's office will serve both staff and inmates in the Department of Corrections when it becomes operational.

In addition, the CCJ approved a request for $45,000 submitted by the Supreme Court of Virginia. This funding will be used to continue the development of Model Jury Instructions for the state court system.

In other action, the CCJ approved a request for $38,000 from the Office of the Attorney General. This funding will be used to provide a Prosecutor's Management Information System (PROMIS), which is designed to improve the criminal justice data system. The PROMIS project, which is to be installed in 25 to 30 Commonwealth's Attorneys' Offices throughout the state, is a management tool to help Commonwealth's Attorneys in small and medium size offices improve their operations and efficiency.

The CCJ also approved a $29,360 program to be operated by Virginia Commonwealth University. This funding will be used to provide supervised field placements in the Virginia criminal justice system for master's degree students in social work.

The Virginia Council on Criminal Justice and the Division of Justice and Crime Prevention are the state level agencies responsible for coordinating efforts to improve and upgrade the criminal justice system in Virginia.

The next regular meeting of the Council on Criminal Justice will be held February 3, 1977 in Richmond, Virginia.

Projects of interest in this area includes the funding of over $6,000 to Buckingham County. This funding will be used to provide radio communications equipment for the Buckingham County Sheriff's Office.

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Father Darkleaf

by Calvin Robinson

It will not be easy to get this typewriter warm this Monday morning. Nor easy to get the house warm, the car started or any chores done. I arose to find my porch thermometer on six below zero and it is up to one above zero at 10 A.M. For many people this is the coldest spell they have ever experienced and senior citizens will debate over memories of how it was in 1911, '17 or '34. It is 55 in My Den and I have on two sweaters and a bathrobe. Brightleaf prepared breakfast wearing an overcoat. I am wearing a red stocking cap and have several candles ready to light if electricity goes off. Good thing I am not on Candid Camera. Ah yes, and you have equal or even more trying experiences that will make you remember January '77.

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Talking about the weather does not solve anything, so I tried to be practical. Checked the chinking around doors and windows and cold air still poured in, used all the extra blankets we had to drape over windows. A while ago the fire alarm went off, meaning someone was in trouble and how thankful we are in the knowledge that firemen and rescue crews are standing by ready to help.

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And school holidays are building up. Even though highways are clear, it is too cold for children to stand along the road waiting for a bus.

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Yesterday I really needed something to feel cheerful about. And that was when a Red Cardinal appeared out of nowhere and spent a few moments at my window-side bird feeder. "O Wind, If Winter Comes, Can Spring be far behind?" I quoted that last week, but a replay is in order.

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What to do for exercise when can't get outdoors? I have been up and down the basement steps endlessly, checking on our space heaters and keep a daily meter reading of the fuel supply. There have been some top sports on TV, but that is exercise for the other fellow. Clearing car windshields and sidewalks also helps keep limbered up. Heavens to Betsy, they say snow is coming. No time for stunts or unnecessary trips, for the accident list is long enough.

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Birthday LIST . . . Edgar Allen Poe was born Jan. 19, 1809. My late Mother was born Jan. 20, 1885. Her father was a twin and one of thirteen children. Why not make Family Records a '77 project? Could be that more birthday anniversaries have been held for Lee, Jackson, Maury than most leaders. But the greatest is Christmas.

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Two friends have been by in recent days to bring us some fine Florida grapefruit, oranges, tomatoes. Thanks. I guessed one of the grapefruit to weight in at two pounds. Ate it this morning!

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Not too many years ago, after a freezing spell, there was a rash of broken water pipes. Homes are better heated nowadays. Today I worry a lot that the car radiator will freeze and did I get enough anti-freeze.

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Someone reported a sticker on a pick-up truck in Arizona, driven by a Navajo Indian . . . "Love America, or Give It Back."

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When you miss going to the food store a couple of days, how the shopping list gets longer. We spend so much money preparing in case there is a future war, we may never get the past ones paid for. If you cannot visit a shut-in, send'em a card or make a phone call. Good time to check your Times-Virginian subscription. Don't miss a copy. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Portrait Presented

At the Friday meeting of the Appomattox County Board Of Supervisors, Miss Claudia Gordon, left, and Mr. J. L. Gordon, Jr., center, presented a portrait of the late Mrs. Aldah B. Gordon to the Board of Supervisors. Accepting the portrait on behalf of the board was Mr. J. M. Cobb, Jr., right, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Cobb accepted the portrait with pleasure and said he felt that it was most appropriate that it be presented to the board as Mrs. Gordon had worked very closely with board members for twenty-nine years prior to her resignation and death. She served for a number of years as Deputy Clerk before becoming Clerk of the Circuit Court of Appomattox County.

The portrait will hang on the wall in the Clerk's Office along with portraits of all past Clerks of the Circuit Court of this county.

New Officers Elected By Fire Department

Robert Childress has been elected Fire Chief of the Appomattox County Volunteer Fire Department for the 1977 year.

Other officers recently elected are Hugh Mitchell, Assistant Fire Chief; G. H. Jamerson, Jr., First Lieutenant; Addison Elder, Second Lieutenant; Earl Martin, Third Lieutenant; Robert Wooten, Fourth Lieutenant; Wayne Mann, Equipment Sergeant; Freddy Godsey, Secretary; Steve Bowling, Treasurer; and Warren Taylor, Training Coordinator. C. R. "Skinny" Wooldridge continues as Fire Commissioner.

During the year of 1976, the Fire Department answered a total of 109 calls, an increase of 21 calls over the previous year. Volunteers spent 1,018 man-hours in answering these calls.

Eighty-three of the calls were within the county and fourteen were in the Town of Appomattox. No response was required on five of the calls, six were false alarms, and one was an alarm malfunction.

In addition to answering the fire calls, all members of the Appomattox County Volunteer Fire Department took a 30-hour training course given by state fire instructors. There are now 27 volunteer members in this valuable organization.

Primary School P-TA Meeting Cancelled

The Appomattox Primary School Parent-Teacher Association meeting scheduled for tonight, Thursday, has been cancelled due to weather conditions.

Deadline For Tags — Licenses January 31

According to Mrs. Ida Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County, state business licenses, county business licenses, trailer licenses and dog tags must be purchased no later than Monday, January 31.

In order to get your dog tags you must bring with you a rabies certificate with the expiration date. Dog owners are requested, by law, to have a tag for each dog they own.

For the convenience of citizens of the county, the office of the Treasurer of Appomattox County will be open from 9 a.m. until noon on Saturday, January 29.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For Tuesday

Ottoway Guill, Mike Torrence, Cornell Goldman, and Glenn Benfield, left to right above, will be on hand Tuesday to donate a unit of their blood when the Red Cross Bloodmobile makes its visit to Appomattox County.

The Bloodmobile will be set up from noon until 6 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church and the quota is 102 units of blood - plus approximately 15 units to make up for shortages at previous visits.

The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club is the sponsoring organization with Mrs. Mary Katherine Wilkehead as their representative.

The Appomattox Woman's Club will have charge of the canteen for this visit and will be assisted by the Stonewall Extension Homemakers Club. A nursery will be provided for children of blood donors.

Seventeen year-olds are reminded that they may donate blood with parental consent. If anyone needs a consent form, contact Mrs. Lucy Harvey and she will be happy to send one to you. Mrs. Harvey may be reached by telephoning 352-7309.

There is a **critical** need for blood, more so at this time than for many years, so please join the donors in the photo above and plan to get out Tuesday and donate a unit of your **LIFE SAVING BLOOD** - it is needed and will be appreciated.

Appomattox County Eligible For Livestock Feed Assistance

S. Mason Carbaugh, Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce, has announced that effective January 7, 1977, 18 counties in Virginia were declared eligible for the new Emergency Livestock Feed Assistance Program.

Appomattox County is one of the 18 eligible counties.

This action came in response to a request of Governor Mills E. Godwin to the President and the Director of the Federal Disaster Assistance Administration (FDAA).

Other counties designated as eligible include Amelia, Amherst, Bedford, Brunswick, Campbell, Charlotte, Cumberland, Franklin, Halifax, Henry, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Patrick, Pittsylvania, Powhatan and Prince Edward.

The Emergency Feed Program is a new and separate program from the Livestock Feed Program and Hay Transportation Assistance Program previously approved for certain counties. Funds are made available by the FDAA. The program will be administered by the local Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) offices. Under the new program the government will provide 50% of the cost of feed purchased for basic livestock herds, not to exceed 2¢ per pound of feed grain equivalent. Any disaster related payments previously made will be deducted from the allowance made under this program.

Producers in the above counties who are forced to buy feed for basic livestock herds because of drought conditions should contact their local ASCS office. Eligible producers are those who have suffered a feed loss in 1976 crops and only counties named above are approved for this assistance.

Commissioner Will Assist With State Income Tax Forms

Effective immediately, the Office of the Commissioner of Revenue of Appomattox County will be assisting individuals with the completion of State income tax forms on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of each week.

On Wednesday of each week, which will be set aside for auditing, business other than assistance with income tax forms will be conducted as usual.

Carter Named Vice President Of 10th Judicial Bar Association

Robert W. Carter, Appomattox Attorney, was elected Vice President of the 10th Judicial Bar Association at its' annual meeting that was held on December 20, 1976. Bobby Vaughan was elected as a member of the Virginia State Bar Judicial Council, replacing Judge J. R. Snoddy.

The 10th Judicial Bar Association is composed of attorneys from the counties of Appomattox, Buckingham, Prince Edward, Charlotte, Halifax, Lunenburg, Cumberland, Pittsylvania, and the City of South Boston.

Adult Class Registration Continues

Registration for Adult Education classes which started this week is continuing. Adults who are interested and who want to participate in classes that are being offered the second semester by the Appomattox County School Division may still enroll. Please look at the class schedule located elsewhere in this issue of the **Times-Virginian** for information concerning classes offered.

Since adult classes are geared to the individual, persons enrolling now will not find themselves at any disadvantage. Persons who want to enroll may report to the class at the scheduled time or by calling R. R. Carter, Adult Education Coordinator, at 352-8253.

Persons interested in the cake decoration classes are requested to call the adult education coordinator for registration. This is necessary since enrollment is limited to 12 or 14 persons per class.

"Maintenance Tips" For Conservation Practices Available

The USDA Soil Conservation Service has several new leaflets on maintaining conservation practices. According to SCS records, there are more than 22 miles of surface drains constructed in bottomlands of Appomatox and Campbell Counties with SCS engineering assistance. Ditches lose their capacity rapidly unless needed maintenance is provided. Without maintenance, the useful life of most ditches is 7 to 10 years. Timely maintenance is needed for ditches to function for their 10 to 50 year design life. A new leaflet, "Maintenance Tips For Drainage Ditches & Open Channels" is available.

Farmers in Appomattox and Campbell Counties also have developed 117 springs and constructed 145 stock water troughs with SCS assistance. This is becoming a very popular practice with many new watering facilities being planned. Poorly maintained watering facilities are also on the increase. The trough should not freeze if an adequate volume of spring water flows into it. "Maintenance Tips For Spring Developments" will tell you how to keep your trough flowing.

These leaflets, along with "Maintenance Tips For Access Roads", "Maintenance Tips For Disposal Lagoons", Maintenance Tips For Grassed Waterways", "Maintenance Tips For Ponds" and "Maintenance Tips For Subsurface Drains", are available at the office of the Soil Conservatin Service.

Temporary Sales Tax Hike Backed By Supervisors

J. M. Cobb, Jr.

J. M. Cobb, Jr. of Pamplin was elected Chairman of the Appomattox County Board of Supervisors at their meeting on Friday, January 14, 1977, he replaces Dr. S. R. Lawson who served as Board Chairman last year. Dr. S. R. Lawson was elected Vice-Chairman for 1977. The other board member is Otho W. Martin, Jr. of Oakville.

The Appomattox County Board of Supervisors went on record supporting a temporary boost in the state sales tax at their meeting on Friday.

In a letter to Delegate Claude W. Anderson, Appomattox County's representative in the House of Delegates, the board backed a temporary one per cent hike in the sales tax as the best way to offset the state's $102 million budget deficit.

In supporting the sales tax increase, the supervisors called for limiting it to a one year period.

The addition of a one per cent increase to the present four per cent sales tax should produce $130 million annually in additional revenue.

The endorsement of a temporary tax increase came in response to a letter from Anderson asking the board for their input in solving the state's financial problems.

John C. Caldwell, Commissioner of the Revenue for Appomattox County, who announced last month his plans to retire, has submitted his resignation effective Feb. 1, 1977.

Circuit Court Judge J. R. Snoddy, Jr. will appoint a replacement for Caldwell.

Even though the county failed to get a $400,000 Economic Development Administration grant to construct a new jail, the board hasn't given up hope for federal funds to finance the project.

Dr. S. R. Lawson, former board chairman, said there have been hints that Congress will provide additional funding for EDA antirecession projects and he advised that the board keep in touch with the office of Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel, so if additional funding is approved the county will be ready to resubmit its application.

Appomattox County is under pressure from the State Department of Corrections to construct a new jail facility to replace the present building.

The supervisors also learned Friday that they will have to make some adjustments in their voting precinct boundaries. Martha Johnson of the state Division of Legislative Services, told the board a new state law requires that precinct boundaries conform to visible geographic markings so enumerators for the Census Bureau can determine population by precinct for reapportionment.

She said several adjustments have to be made in Appomattox County precincts to conform with this law.

The Board of Supervisors plans to work with the Electoral Board in making the changes.

In other business the board set their regular meeting date for the second Friday of each month at 9 a.m. in the Board Room in the Clerk's Office building.

Anderson Elected Committee Chairman

Howard P. Anderson

State Senator Howard P. Anderson, D-Halifax, Thursday was elected chairman of the Senate Agriculture Conservation and Natural Resources Committee.

Anderson, who served in the House of Delegates until his election to the State Senate in 1971, has served on the committee for four years.

The chairmanship of the committee became vacant when Senator Herbert H. Bateman of Newport News, the former chairman, left the Democratic party to become a Republican.

According to Senate procedure, chairmanships are held by the majority party thus making Bateman ineligible as a Republican.

Anderson said Thursday there were two other ranking Democrats ahead of him for the position. Each, however, already held major chairmanships in the Senate. He said he feels he can better serve the people in this position.

The Halifax senator also serves on the Courts of Justice, Finance and Privileges and Elections Committees.

Appointed Commissioner Of Revenue For County

Monte Wade Mays

Judge J. R. Snoddy, Jr. has announced the appointment of Monte Wade Mays as Commissioner of Revenue for Appomattox County. Mays will replace John C. Caldwell who has announced his retirement effective February 1, 1977.

A 1968 graduate of Appomattox High School, Mays graduated from Lynchburg College in 1972 with a B.S. degree in Business Administration.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert E. Mays, he is married to the former Linda Jo Moses also of Appomattox. They are the parents of one son, Monte Wade Mays, II.

Mays was employed with Moses Motor Company as Service Manager from 1972 until 1973 when he accepted a position with the Appomattox Garment Company as Manager of Amherst Manufacturing, a division of the Appomattox Garment Company, Division 8.

He says he "looks forward to working with the people of Appomattox and will work closely with them." Having worked for the past five years with people in the county with tax and accounting problems on a part-time basis, he feels his experience in this field will help in meeting the needs of the people in his new position as Commissioner of the Revenue.

"I feel like I'm definitely qualified to handle the position and will do whatever is essential to fulfill the needs of the people," Mays says. He will assume his duties effective February 1, 1977.

Mays says he would like to express his appreciation to the people in the town and county who gave him their support. He intends to visit the people and ask for their support and their advise on running the office of Commissioner of the Revenue even more efficiently.

MR AND MRS. LAWSON ARE ATTENDING THE INAUGURAL FESTIVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Harry G. Lawson are in Washington, D. C. where they are attending the Inaugural Festivities. "Jimmy" Carter will be taking the oath of office for the President of the United States today, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawson attended the Virginia Inaugural Party on Wednesday evening at the National Democratic Club. Today they will attend the Inauguration and tonight they will attend one of the Inaugural Balls.

On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Lawson plan to attend a Reception at the White House from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., to meet President and Mrs. Carter and tour the White House.

First Rabies Clinic Set For January 21

The first 1977 Rabies Dog Vaccination clinic for Appomattox County will be held on Friday, January 21st from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Appomattox Animal Hospital located on Route 460 West of Appomattox.

State Law requires a certificate of vaccinatin before Dog License may be purchased, Fee for vaccination of each dog will be $3.00.

According to Dr. W. M. Burger, Jr., four other clinics (plus one for a snow date) will be held within the county.

Notices will be published weekly.

Crumbs For Thought

By: "Zeke"

The microscope magnifies small things but things which are large it cannot handle. Sometimes, in life, our mind acts like a microscope, it magnifies trifling things out of porportion and wrecks our life.

"...in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always so now also Christ shall be magnified. Phil 1:20.

UDC Cancels Dinner Meeting

The Appomattox Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, scheduled to meet for a Lee, Jackson, Maury dinner meeting on Thursday night at Maude's Restaurant, has cancelled their meeting for January 20th due to the cold weather.

Notice of the next meeting will be published at a later time.